

Massachusetts is the place where the country fair got its reputation and in the summer time, the part of Massachusetts along the coastline boasts many fairs and festivals exhibiting some of the finest crafts, artistic skills, and home cooking in the state.

Cranberry, strawberry, and blueberry festivals are aplenty and at each, tables are decorated with delectable cooking delights and downright enjoyability.

But don't eat and run; stay awhile for the antiques and horrors, art shows, fish fries, clambakes, square dances, 4H exhibits, horse racing, band concerts, auctions, contests and competitions and if that's not enough, catch the book fairs, flea markets, and craft demonstrations.

The following is a list of fairs we know you'll enjoy.



#### June 16 and 17, Sat. and Sun.

*Railfan's Days and Railroad Collector's Flea Market.* South Carver, Edaville Railroad, Rte. 58. Double-header trains, freight trains, mixed trains and other railfan events. New England's largest railroad collector's and modelers' flea market.

#### June 16, 10 am. - 6 pm

June 16. Strawberry Festival, Pembroke. St. Thecia's Church, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Includes handmade articles, crafts, and baked goods.

#### June 24 to Labor Day.

*Plymouth Arts I Festival,* Manomet (Plymouth). *Priscilla Beach Theatre,* Rocky Hill Rd. 224-4888 or 224-3391. Festival of all the arts; concerts, dances, plays, fine arts.

#### June 30, Sat.

*Auction,* Hull United Methodist Church. Furniture, attic treasures, professional skills and services.

#### June 30 (10-6); July 1 (1-6)

*Fourth Annual Art and Craft Fair* Hingham Center Common. Rte. 228 & Main Street. Free.

#### June 30 & July 1

*Summerfest,* South Carver. Edaville Railroad, Rte. 58. Several musical and variety groups will perform as a preview of weekly entertainment to run all summer.

#### June 30 - July 4, 10 am - dark

*Cohasset Village Craft Exhibition and Sale.* Cohasset Village. Free. For further information call Ann Hamilton, 383-6512. A selected group of craftspeople will demonstrate their skills and sell their crafts in front of the shops and in the mall below St. Stephen's Church.

#### June 30, 10 am

Duxbury. Saturday 10 a.m. Annual Country Fair and Auction. First Parish Lawn, Tremont Street. Homemade items, baked goods, books, records. Auction of furniture, antiques, and miscellaneous items begins at 1 p.m. 934-6532.

#### July 1

*Sunday Round the Common* Norwell Center. All day and into the evening festival open to everyone free of charge.

#### July 1-July 8, 10 a.m.-dusk

*24th Annual South Shore Arts Festival* Cohasset. At the South Shore Art Center. Call for entry application information from noon-4 p.m. Monday - Friday. 383-9548. Members' and juried shows, photography, crafts and demonstrations.



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#### July 6 & 7

*First Congregational Church Fair* Marshfield, Rte. 3A. Old-fashioned fair on the village green. Children's games, homecooked food and home-made articles. Penny sale Fri. night. Supper and auction Sat. Eve.

#### July 13 - 15

*Holy Ghost Festa.* North Plymouth. Holy Ghost Field, South Cherry St. Free. Portuguese food, entertainment, parade, auction.

#### July 14, 10 am - 3 pm

*Annual Sidewalk Book Fair* Kingston. On the lawn of the parsonage, 224 Main St. Sponsored by the First Unitarian-Universalist Church. Books, periodicals, pictures, post cards, stamps and recordings.

#### July 21

*Steam, Gas and Antique Machinery Meet and Competition* South Carver. Edaville Railroad, Rte. 58. Collectors of steam, gas and diesel-powered machinery from the past will gather to operate and exhibit stationery steam engines, scale model operating steam trains, steam tractors, one-lung make and brake engines, etc. Trophies will be awarded in various classes based on public judging.

#### July 21, 10 am - 4 pm

July 21, Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Travelling Bazaar and Crafts Fair. 555 Webster Street, Marshfield. Hand-made articles and gifts donated by merchants and members of the American Auxiliary Unit 88. Proceeds to be used for scholarships. Tables may be rented for \$5. 834-7889.

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